

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, On October 25, 1904, 25 Dutch immigrants who loved God's word and wanted a place to worship organized the First Reformed Church of Volga, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Dutch language was used for some services until 1940 when services and meetings began to use the English language; and,

Whereas, The Congregation remained faithful in worship to God even though there were several years between the 13 full-time pastors and 28 student pastors; and,

Whereas, First Reformed has met in three different buildings and services at the new church building on East First Street, Volga, began in 1989; and,

Whereas, God has blessed the membership of First Reformed with 51 families and 141 members in 2004; and,

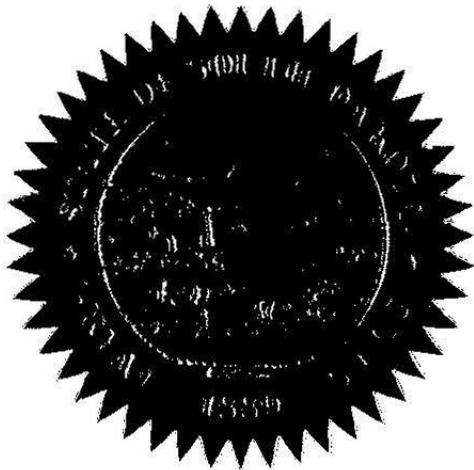
Whereas, The congregation has chosen the motto "Faithfully Revealing Christ-To God Be The Glory" for their centennial celebration:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 3 and 4, 2004, as

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF VOLGA DAYS


in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State